



YESTERDAY furnished an ideal wind-up for a week in spring, and there was the nicest possible bustle and hurry in the North-western part of town. Some were off for the races, others for the Chevy Chase Club, and still others went to the home of the former Ambassador to Italy and Mrs. William F. Draper, where the beautiful fancy dress ball in honor of Miss Margaret Draper was being given from 4 to 7 o'clock.

So much interest centers about President and Mrs. Roosevelt and their family, that even though the White House has been opened for but little entertainment this spring, the absence from the city of its inmates makes quite a perceptible difference in social circles. There are a number of society people who are on sufficiently intimate terms with Mrs. Roosevelt to stop by late in the afternoon for a cup of tea, or be invited to luncheon in the Executive Mansion quite an air of habitation even when there is no formal entertaining in progress.

Miss Roosevelt and the eldest of her brothers, Theodore, will keep house most of the time during the absence of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, and being socially inclined, they will entertain their young friends.

Rather more form—not enough to be uncomfortable, however—is observed in the Roosevelt family than in that of any former President in many Administrations. An old friend of the family was invited to luncheon there only a few days ago, and was rather surprised to have Mrs. Roosevelt and all the children arise when the President, who was late, entered the room. They continued to stand until he was seated, when all the guests included, took their places again at table. This custom is always carried out by the family upon the President's entrance into a room, and invariably any guest present arises with them.

Speaking of form at the White House reminds one of the timely and pleasant remark on White House arrangements of Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant, wife of Brigadier General Grant, who was among the dinner guests at the White House during the past season. She has dined in almost all of the great households of foreign lands, and remarked that the dinner at the White House was the best ordered and most comfortable state meal she had ever eaten.

Mrs. Grant accounted for the lukewarm meals served guests in the palaces of Europe by the fact that out of a long string of drawing rooms in a palace—not dissimilar to those at the White House—just any one was chosen as a temporary dining room which the host might fancy, without the slightest regard to culinary arrangements for keeping food at a proper temperature to make it palatable. The superb arrangements of this department at the White House, which has caused every American lover of hot food who has dined there this winter to gloat over the fine menus and delightful service, is wholly due to the domestic skill of Mrs. Roosevelt, under whose systematic arrangements the house-keeping department of the establishment moves like clockwork.

"A little corner in Persia" is what General Morteza, Khan, calls his drawing room in the Persian legation at 1743 Eighteenth street, and truly it is no misnomer. There are rare rugs everywhere. On the walls, on the floors, and on the chairs, couches, and divans. Where there are not rugs, there are rare bits of inlaid furniture gleaming with ivory and mother-of-pearl, and there are quantities of embroideries, along with a fine array of gold and silver filigree ware, so prevalent in Persia.

General Morteza, who is the tallest and thinnest man in the Diplomatic Corps, was assisted in receiving by Mesrop Newton, Khan, secretary of the legation, who speaks both French and English, and acts as go-between for the minister and his guests.

General Morteza speaks French fluently, but not a word of English. The tea was made in a samovar and served in the daintiest little glasses set in exquisitely wrought silver filigree cases, with tiny filigree spoons made in the same pattern. There were little squares of embroidery used, probably as napkins.

Some of General Morteza's rugs are so rare that specimens of them have never been brought to this country before, and have taken years and years of a human life to weave.

Chevy Chase is the mecca for the smart set now, and luncheons and dinners in large numbers are given at the club daily. The fine drive between the Capitol and the clubhouse is literally lined now with smart looking turnouts, both carriages and motor cars. The Durands, Hitchcocks, Carlises, Olivers, Gaffs, Pattersons, and the Baron van Tuyls in their big showy motor cars are most noticeable.

Mrs. Ormsby McCammon, formerly Miss Anna E. Murray, of Philadelphia, is exciting no end of admiration out at the Chevy Chase Club by her extremely fine golf playing. She accompanies her husband out almost every day and spends much time on the links. Other notable players who spend much time there this spring, and may be mentioned among the finest Washington women golfers, are Miss Maud Wetmore, Miss Gaff, Miss Marian Oliver, daughter of the Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Oliver, and Miss Eleanor Patterson. Baron and Baroness van Tuyl, the former first secretary of the Netherlands legation, go daily to the links at Chevy Chase, and the baroness makes divers and sundry dashes at the ball occasionally, but she has neither the spirit or skill of our American girl, and only cuts a pretty figure because she is a pretty young woman.

Among the eight or ten dinner parties given at the club last evening were those of Mr. and Mrs. John Hemphill, Miss Eleanor Patterson, and Miss Zaidie Gaff. Several parties of young people were chaperoned by matrons who were guests at other tables, and everything went right merrily for a spring night.

Justice Harlan, who will remain here for some time before going to his home in Canada, is a daily player on the links, and has taught Secretary Taft to take a defeat good naturedly.

This week opens auspiciously with two entertainments in the Diplomatic Corps, which was somewhat disorganized in its social operations during the past week by the death and burial of the Mexican Ambassador. Tomorrow night the Italian Ambassador and Baroness Mayor des Planches will give a dinner party, and Tuesday night the German embassy will be thrown open for a large evening reception.

Friday the Japanese Minister, Mr. Takahira, will again be host at a dinner party, and will entertain informally all during the spring. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Eno will give a dinner Wednesday evening, and Mrs. Day, wife of Justice Day, will give a luncheon Thursday. For the most, however, all dinner and luncheon parties will remain small and informal until after Lent, when a regular rush of spring gaiety is expected.

There is a delightful prospect in store for the younger element of society who adore dancing, for the British Ambassador, Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, has had English decorators at work on the ballroom at the British embassy almost ever since the opening of Lent, and by the time the penitential season is over the largest ballroom in Washington will be ready for a proposed series of spring dances. The English decorators, who were brought to this country for the express purpose of doing the ballroom, have turned it into gold and white, from some rather impossible color schemes put on by Lady Herbert when mistress of the house as the wife of the late Ambassador Herbert.

While society waits for the passing of the penitential season, however, a number of people will take short trips out of town. Among this number is Mrs. Robert W. Patterson, who has gone just for a week's rest. She has never felt quite herself since her last tempestuous trip to this country from abroad, where she was called by the illness of her daughter, Countess Gizycki. It is always a loss to society to have the Patterson house closed, for it is a model of good entertainment and good house-keeping. Though the Pattersons have never entertained profusely since occupying their new home each event is rather notable for Washington, in that it is so perfectly ordered. The secret of it is that Mrs. Patterson never so exhausts herself with constant going that she is unable to personally superintend every detail of an event in her own house. Even an informal or impromptu affair is, therefore, quite pleasant. This com-



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Wife of the naval attaché of the German embassy, was hostess at a dinner last evening, and is one of the most active young hostesses of the Diplomatic Corps.

ment leads up to the fact that there is considerable criticism, and justly too, as to the genuine discomfort of some so-called informal luncheons, teas, and dinners. The discomfort almost amounts to an embarrassment.

Countess Cassini, who is probably better known than almost any other foreign woman in America today, will leave Washington tomorrow, and will sail for Europe Tuesday. She will be accompanied by Mme. Schalle, who has been her constant companion since birth. The countess will remain in various parts of Europe all summer, visiting an aunt in St. Petersburg in the meantime. There is a rumor that the countess will return to Washington as the bride of one of the most popular young diplomats here. This would, indeed, be pleasant news to Washington, for the exceeding courtesy with which Countess Cassini receives and treats everyone, has made her a popular guest and hostess. She has so admirably administered affairs of the Russian embassy as hostess in the past few years, that a thought of still another diplomatic household under her sway being added is acceptable to all.

And now comes word from far off Assyria of Mrs. Albert Clifford Barney and her daughter, Miss Natalie Barney, converts to the Assyrian religion, who are now at the very feet of Abbas Effendi, called by his people the gate of heaven. He is the incarnation of the Holy Ghost, and only through his dispensation can Mrs. Barney and Miss Barney hope to attain eternal bliss in realms above. There is said to be a strong following of this religious sect in Chicago.

Social Gossip

Mrs. Shaw, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, is fast returning to health after a rather serious operation performed upon her at the Johns Hopkins Hospital several weeks ago, and it is hoped she will soon be able to return to Washington. Mrs. Shaw and the Misses Shaw will take a journey for rest, perhaps abroad, just as soon as Mrs. Shaw is strong enough to travel.

Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Morton, both of whom were out of town for some days, have returned to the city.

Mrs. Boutell, wife of Representative Boutell, will sail for Europe in June, and will spend the summer in Switzerland with her son, Roger Boutell, who is secretary of the American legation at Bern. She will remain with her son and daughter-in-law until after the expected visit of the stork.

Mrs. Shontz, of Chicago and New York, who has spent most of the winter at the New Willard and has been much entertained by Secretary and Mrs. Morton and others, will probably spend the summer in Europe with her attractive daughters, who are students at the Somers school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Loose, who were guests at the home of the Speaker and Miss Cannon for some weeks last winter, and who returned to the New Willard after a two weeks' stay in New York, have now gone West for the rest of the season.

Senator and Mrs. Depew will celebrate the seventy-first birthday of the former with the Montauk Club in Brooklyn, the members of which expect to get some good anti-Oslerite points from the Senator.

Miss Ida Thompson returned to Washington after some weeks at Lakewood and gave an "at home" for Mrs. Robert McKee Friday afternoon.

Senor Quesada, the Cuban Minister, and his family will sail April 13, for Europe and will spend the coming summer in travel abroad.

Mr. Wauters, of the Belgian legation, will make a trip to Philadelphia and New York next week, but will return to Washington before sailing for Europe some time in April or May.

Viscount de St. Phil, of the French embassy, who has been confined to his apartment with grip, has now sufficiently recovered to return to duty at the embassy.

Ex-Senator and Mrs. Stewart left Washington yesterday afternoon for the West, where they will probably make their future home. They will go first to

Grand. Mrs. Bratton formerly lived in this city, and is the wife of N. Bratton, a prominent official of the Pennsylvania railroad. The latter will arrive in the city tonight for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Joys and H. Shaf-fen and daughter have gone to Atlantic City, and are stopping at the Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hickler are entertaining Mrs. Peter Hickler, of Buffalo, and Mrs. William N. Bolter, of New York city.

Mr. Hickler has been in Washington several months, but is a former resident of Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. William D. Windom sailed on the Canopic yesterday for Italy, to remain abroad six months.

Mrs. L. Y. Ralph, of this city, has gone to Atlantic City for a visit, and is stopping at the Pennhurst.

The Hon. Allen Johnston's appointment as British minister to Copenhagen is a matter of much interest to the American friends of Mr. Johnston. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Pinchot, and sister of Gifford Pinchot, of Washington.

Dinners

Commander and Mme. Hebbinghaus were hosts at a small dinner party last evening, entertaining among their other guests, Dr. and Mrs. Fremont Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Randolph, Captain and Mrs. Gallagher, Miss Siebert, and Mr. Siebert.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitfield Brown were hosts at a dinner last evening, given in honor of Mrs. Robert McKee.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Hemphill were among the numerous hosts at the Chevy Chase Club last night, entertaining a dinner party. Miss Patterson and Miss Gaff each had a party of young people at Chevy Chase for dinner.

The Italian Ambassador and Baroness Mayor des Planches will entertain a dinner party tomorrow night.

Receptions

Gen. Morteza Khan, the Persian minister, will receive every Friday for the rest of the season.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Washington district will hold a reception in honor of Judge and Mrs. J. O. Robinson at Rust Hall, tomorrow afternoon, April 3, from 4 to 6, to which the friends of these well-known people are invited.

Mrs. Benjamin B. Wechsler and daughter, of Pittsburgh, Pa., are in the city for a short visit, and will be pleased to see their friends, this evening, at 503 L street northwest.

The Thirteen Colonies Chapter, D. A. R., will not be able to have the tea for Continental Hall, on April 4, as intended, owing to illness of several members.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Raff, who have just returned from an extended wedding trip, will be pleased to see their friends next Sunday, April 9, in their new home, The Columbia apartment house, Fourteenth and Binney streets.

A party was given by the Washington Club at the home of the president, Maurice Appleby, 33 K street northeast, Thursday, March 30. The house was artistically decorated in the club colors. Games were played, solos were rendered by Miss Slater, and G. Gargers won the prize for drawing the best animal. Miss Edith Appleby won the first prize in Ciderella, and Maurice Appleby, booby prize.

At 10 o'clock the guests went down to the dining room, where refreshments were served. Among those present were C. Phelps, M. Appleby, L. Pipkin, E. C. Smith, H. Downey, C. Stevens, R. Krel-smith, G. Gargers, E. Gue, F. Myers, Edward Que, D. Burdett, W. Koepke, Misses E. Appleby, E. Huxley, M. Slater, S. Breslin, L. Grinders, E. Ireland, J. Ireland, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Appleby, Mrs. Harmon, and Mrs. Slater.

Teas.

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needs, home-made cakes and candies will be a feature of the tea. The ladies in charge of the tea will consist of Mrs. H. A. Taylor, Mrs. A. J. Lerner, Mrs. Simon Wolf, Mrs. A. T. Britton, Mrs. A. B. Browne, Mrs. S. W. Bewles, Miss Britton, Mrs. J. C. Pen-nie, Mrs. J. B. Platt, Mrs. Richard Sylvester, Mrs. J. C. Smythe, Mrs. W. S. Knox, Mrs. W. E. Boughton, Mrs. Joseph Auerbach, Mrs. J. C. Whitney, Mrs. Carl Casey, Mrs. Bigelow, Mrs. Chambers.

Weddings.

One of the prettiest home weddings of the season was solemnized Thursday when Mrs. Frederica Isemann became the bride of Franklin Bild. Both the contracting parties are life-long residents of the District and the groom is a well-known business man.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Charles Phillips, of New York city, who is a brother-in-law of the bride.

The bride was tastefully attired in a beautiful gown of crepe de chine over tulle and carried an immense shower bouquet of American Bride roses, and were a diamond sunburst, and necklace, the gift of the groom. She was attended by the bridesmaid, Mrs. Minnie Kander Isemann, who wore a cream lace over silk. The groom was attended by Gus A. Schuldt, as best man.

As the wedding procession started from the library to the large bower window in the parlor where the ceremony was performed Mendelssohn's wedding march was softly and artistically performed by Prof. Francis P. Williams, of this city.

The house was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and cut flowers, and a stringed orchestra played appropriate music.

After the ceremony a wedding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. Bild will be at home after April 4, at their new residence, 640 B street southwest.

Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Slagie, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schuldt,

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogier, Mr. and Mrs. Berry, and the Misses Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Kohler, Mr. and Mrs. Bohs, Mr. and Mrs. McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Job Harris, Mr. and Mrs. George Harding, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Scott, Chris. Stolp, Mr. and Mrs. Bane King, Mrs. Louisa Scharr, Mrs. Kloeppinger, Miss Pauline Gohl, Miss Flora Schmitt, Andrew Isemann, Miss Marie A. Sweet, George Isemann, Harry Scharr, George Bohs, and John Drawbaugh.

The wedding of Miss Marian Hubbard Bell and David G. Fairchild will take place in the afternoon of April 3, at the home of Mrs. Gardiner Hubbard, grandmother to the bride-elect, on the Woodley Lane road.

The marriage of Miss Amy Frothingham Kane to Dr. James G. Fisher will take place at high noon Wednesday, April 5. The wedding will be a quiet home affair, with only a few intimate friends and near relatives present. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. William Taylor Snyder. The bride is the niece of the late Capt. Samuel H. Poole, U. S. N., a distinguished naval officer.

Miss Agnes C. Stephen, of Washington, D. C., will be married tomorrow to William Stewart, of Belfast, Ireland, the marriage to occur in New York city.


Dances.

Prince, princess, page, and peasant, from all countries and all climes met butterflies, bees, and genuine fairies in the beautiful tapestried ballroom at the home of the Former Ambassador to Italy and Mrs. William F. Draper yesterday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock, when they gave a children's fancy dress ball for their daughter, Margaret Preston Draper.

Little Miss Draper wore a Russian costume, and Helen Draper, of Boston, her cousin and guest, who received with

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